Custody rapes in Delhi

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number and details of cases of custodial rapes in Delhi during each of the quarters in 1993; and

(b) the action taken against the culprits in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) According to Delhi police, no such case has been reported in Delhi during the year 1993

(b) Does not arise.

Illegal migrants from Bangladesh

1129. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether serious concern was shown by various experts in the country that the influx of illegal migrants from Bangladesh should attach greater importance and the task of detection should be handed over to a judicial authority instead of tribunals for quick detection and deportation of these migrants;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to convene a meeting of the Chief Ministers and Representatives of National Political Parties and concerned regional parties on the issue of illegal migrants;

(c) if so, by when the meeting of the concerned Chief Ministers would be called; and

(d) what other steps Government propose to take to check the Bangladeshi influx to India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) It is true that serious concern has been expressed by several persons over the influx of illegal migrants from Bangladesh. The Government are, however, not seized with any suggestion for handing over the task of detection to a judicial authority.

(b) and (c) This was considered in a meeting of the Consultative Committee of Parliament for this Ministry which discussed in depth the question of infiltration from Bangladesh

(d) Various measures have been taken which include intensification of patrolling by the Border Security Force, Strengthening of its Water Wing, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, strengthening of the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF)/Mobile Task Force (MTF) Schemes, issue of identity cards to people residing in border areas, computerisation of Visa Control System, etc. The matter had also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh. There are also standing instructions to State Governments and U.T. Administrations to detect and deport illegal migrants.

ISI activities in North Eastern States

1130. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether after Kashmir, it is the turn of north-east to become the hunting ground of the Pakistani Intelligence Agency;

(b) if so, whether it was reported that ISI has been doing systematic propaganda and indoctrination over specific local issues by the organisations in the recent months in the North-eastern States;

(c) if so, whether this has resulted in large scale tribal violence against immigrant settlers including burning of many villages;

(d) if so, whether Army Intelligence Authorities had warned the Central Government of the long term consequences of rendering so many people State-less;

(e) if so, whether apart from operating bases in Bangladesh the ISI are also active in Myanmar areas;

(f) if so, what action Central Government propose to take to check the ISI activities in North-Eastern States; and

(g) whether any complete modalities were worked out with consultation of these States to check these activities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) to (d) There are reports of certain insurgent groups in the North East being supported by PAK ISI Agents in Bangladesh for the provision of safe havens, training, weapons, etc. While the impact of

such assistance on tribal violence can not be specified, this has given a new dimension to the problem of insurgency and terrorism in the North East.

(e) There are some reports that Pakistan has become active in Myanmar to promote anti-Indian sentiments.

(f) and (g) The major insurgent terrorist groups stand declared as "unlawful" and the affected areas stand notified as "disturbed" areas. The Government has taken up our concern in this regard with the Government of Bangladesh. The situation is being closely monitored by the Central Government and review meetings are held with senior Officers of the North Eastern States. The Union Home Minister personally reviewed the security related issues in a meeting with the Governor of Manipur and the Chief Ministers of the N.E. States on 22 January 94 in Shillong.

India's protest to Bangladesh

1131. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India protested to Bangladesh for allowing Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence, to operate from its soil, even as a high power delegation of Home Secretary who was canvassing for cooperation to strengthen border vigilance between Nepal and India;

(b) if so, whether the protest was made by the BSF at the Indo-Bangladesh coordination meeting which has held on 12th January, 1994;

(c) if so the reaction of the Bangladesh Government thereto;

(d) whether due to the ISI's presence in Bangladesh, a number of insurgency attacks were increased in the North Eastern State; and

(e) if so, to what extent Bangladesh has agreed to curb the activities of ISI in that country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) The issue was taken up with the Bangladesh Authorities. They were advised to cease promptly and effectively all activities directed against India from Bangladesh in the interest of our friendly relations. The matter was also forcefully taken up with Bangladesh during the talks between the Directors General of Border Security Force and Bangladesh Rifles held in January 1994.

(c) The presence of Pakistani Inter Service Intelligence in Bangladesh has been denied by the Government of Bangladesh.

(d) The presence of ISI in Bangladesh is likely to give a new dimension to insurgent activities in the North-east.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Setting up of Tourist Police Cell by Delhi Police

1132. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police has set up a Special Cell known as 'Tourist Police' to cater to the special law and order requirements of the places of tourist interest and the tourist visiting them, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) in view of the crucial importance of tourism in the national plans will Government consider expanding tourism police somewhat on the lines of the traffic police; and

(c) whether Government will consider setting up tourism police in other centrally administered territories and send detailed recommendations to the State Governments for taking similar act steps ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir. Three Tourist Police Booths have been set up at Terminal I & II at the Indira Gandhi International Airport of India. The staff detailed on duty in these booths provides guidance, information etc. to the tourists and also takes care that the tourists are not cheated by unscrupulous elements.

(b) and (c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.